

of his authorized rate of pay therefor: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of War, under such regulations as he shall prescribe, may cause to be remitted and canceled, upon honorable discharge of the enlisted man from the service, any such indebtedness incurred during the current enlistment and remaining unpaid at the time of discharge: *And provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent collections of such indebtedness on final statements from pay, in the proportions hereinbefore indicated, or from clothing allowance savings.

Remission, on honorable discharge, of unpaid indebtedness, authorized.

Collections on final statements from pay, etc.

Approved, May 22, 1928.

CHAP. 677.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to transfer and convey to the Portland Water District, a municipal corporation, the water pipe line including the submarine water main connecting Fort McKinley, Maine, with the water system of the Portland Water District, and for other purposes.

May 22, 1928.
[S. 3057.]

[Public, No. 465.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to transfer or cause to be conveyed to the Portland Water District, a municipal corporation of Portland, Maine, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maine, the Government-owned water pipe line, including the submarine main connecting the Fort McKinley Military Reservation located on Great Diamond Island, Maine, with the water system of the said Portland Water District on the mainland and to enter into a contract with the said Portland Water District for the furnishing of potable water to Fort McKinley, upon such terms as the Secretary of War may deem expedient, including payment to the said Portland Water District of an annual charge, payable quarterly, for the putting of the water line in good condition and the relocation of the submarine main so as to furnish at all seasons of the year ample supply of potable water to the Fort McKinley Military Reservation, and that said annual charge to be agreed upon and the rates to be paid for the water furnished shall be paid from appropriations heretofore made and to be made for "Water and Sewers at Military Posts": *Provided*, That before exercising the authority conferred by this Act, the Secretary of War shall require and receive from the Portland Water District, of Portland, Maine, the execution and delivery of an obligation in such terms and with such surety as shall satisfy the Secretary of War that the Portland Water District will at all times in the future maintain a good and sufficient water line to Fort McKinley, and will furnish by means of said water line, an abundant supply of suitable water for use for all purposes at Fort McKinley, at fair and reasonable prices.

Fort McKinley Military Reservation, Me. Conveyance authorized of Government-owned water pipe line of, to Portland Water District.

Contract for furnishing potable water to Fort McKinley, etc.

Annual charge.

Proviso. Obligation required of Portland Water District.

Approved, May 22, 1928.

CHAP. 678.—An Act To insure adequate supplies of timber and other forest products for the people of the United States, to promote the full use for timber growing and other purposes of forest lands in the United States, including farm wood lots and those abandoned areas not suitable for agricultural production, and to secure the correlation and the most economical conduct of forest research in the Department of Agriculture, through research in reforestation, timber growing, protection, utilization, forest economics, and related subjects, and for other purposes.

May 22, 1928.
[S. 3556.]

[Public, No. 466.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to conduct such investigations, experiments, and tests as he may deem necessary under sections 2 to 10, inclusive, in order to determine, demonstrate, and

Forest products, timber growing, etc.

Investigations, experiments, etc., of best methods of reforestation, protection from fires, insects, etc.

promulgate the best methods of reforestation and of growing, managing, and utilizing timber, forage, and other forest products, of maintaining favorable conditions of water flow and the prevention of erosion, of protecting timber and other forest growth from fire, insects, disease, or other harmful agencies, of obtaining the fullest and most effective use of forest lands, and to determine and promulgate the economic considerations which should underlie the establishment of sound policies for the management of forest land and the utilization of forest products: *Provided*, That in carrying out the provisions of this Act the Secretary of Agriculture may cooperate with individuals and public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions, and, in connection with the collection, investigation, and tests of foreign woods; he may also cooperate with individuals and public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions in other countries; and receive money contributions from cooperators under such conditions as he may impose, such contributions to be covered into the Treasury as a special fund which is hereby appropriated and made available until expended as the Secretary of Agriculture may direct, for use in conducting the activities authorized by this Act, and in making refunds to contributors: *Provided further*, That the cost of any building purchased, erected, or as improved in carrying out the purposes of this Act shall not exceed \$2,500, exclusive in each instance of the cost of constructing a water supply or sanitary system and of connecting the same with any such building: *Provided further*, That the amounts specified in sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 of this Act are authorized to be appropriated up to and including the fiscal year 1938, and such annual appropriations as may thereafter be necessary to carry out the provisions of said sections are hereby authorized: *Provided further*, That during any fiscal year the amounts specified in sections 3, 4, and 5 of this Act making provision for investigations of forest tree and wood diseases, forest insects, and forest wild life, respectively, may be exceeded to provide adequate funds for special research required to meet any serious public emergency relating to epidemics: *And provided further*, That the provisions of this Act shall be construed as supplementing all other Acts relating to the Department of Agriculture, and except as specifically provided shall not limit or repeal any existing legislation or authority.

Sec. 2. That for conducting fire, silvicultural, and other forest investigations and experiments the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to maintain the following forest experiment stations for the regions indicated, and in addition to establish and maintain one such station for the Intermountain region in Utah and adjoining States, one in Alaska, and one in the tropical possessions of the United States in the West Indies:

Northeastern forest experiment station, in New England, New York, and adjacent States;

Allegheny forest experiment station, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and in neighboring States;

Appalachian forest experiment station, in the southern Appalachian Mountains and adjacent forest regions;

Southern forest experiment station, in the Southern States;

Central States forest experiment station, in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa, and in adjacent States;

Lake States forest experiment station, in the Lake States and adjoining States;

California forest experiment station, in California and in adjoining States;

Northern Rocky Mountain forest experiment station, in Idaho, Montana, and adjoining States;

Provisos.
Cooperation with individuals, agencies, etc.

Tests of foreign woods.

Special fund for this purpose.

Building construction, limit.

Amounts for specified objects authorized annually up to 1938.

Special emergency increases for tree diseases, insects, and wild life.

Provisions supplemental to, and not limiting Departmental Acts, etc.

Experiment stations for fire, silvicultural, etc., investigations to be maintained.

Names, etc., of stations.

Northwestern forest experiment station, in Washington, Oregon, and adjoining States, and in Alaska;

Northwestern.

Rocky Mountain forest experiment station, in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, South Dakota, and in adjacent States; and

Rocky Mountain.

Southwestern forest experiment station, in Arizona, and New Mexico, and in adjacent States, and in addition to establish and maintain one such station for the intermountain region of Utah and adjoining States, one for Alaska, one in Hawaii, and one in the tropical possessions of the United States in the West Indies, and one additional station in the Southern States.

Southwestern.

Additional in Utah, Alaska, Hawaii, West Indies, and in Southern States.

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than \$1,000,000 to carry out the provisions of this section.

Annual appropriation authorized.

SEC. 3. That for investigations of the diseases of forest trees and of diseases causing decay and deterioration of wood and other forest products, and for developing methods for their prevention and control at forest experiment stations, the Forest Products Laboratory, or elsewhere, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than \$250,000.

Diseases of forest trees, etc.

Amount for developing methods for prevention, etc.

SEC. 4. That for investigations of forests insects, including gypsy and browntail moths, injurious or beneficial to forest trees or to wood or other forest products, and for developing methods for preventing and controlling infestations, at forest experiment stations, the Forest Products Laboratory, or elsewhere, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than \$350,000.

Forest insects. Amount for developing method for preventing infestations.

SEC. 5. That for such experiments and investigations as may be necessary in determining the life histories and habits of forest animals, birds, and wild life, whether injurious to forest growth or of value as supplemental resource, and in developing the best and most effective methods for their management and control at forest experiment stations, or elsewhere, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than \$150,000.

Forest animals, birds, etc.

Amount for developing methods of management, etc.

SEC. 6. That for such investigations at forest experiment stations, or elsewhere, of the relationship of weather conditions to forest fires as may be necessary to make weather forecasts, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than \$50,000.

Forest fires. Amount for investigation of weather conditions, etc.

SEC. 7. That for such experiments and investigations as may be necessary to develop improved methods of management, consistent with the growing of timber and the protection of watersheds, of forest ranges and of other ranges adjacent to the national forests, at forest or range experiment stations, or elsewhere, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than \$275,000.

Timber, watersheds, etc.

Amount for improved methods of management, protection, etc.

SEC. 8. That for experiments, investigations, and tests with respect to the physical and chemical properties and the utilization and preservation of wood and other forest products, including tests of wood and other fibrous material for pulp and paper making, and such other experiments, investigations, and tests as may be desirable, at the Forest Products Laboratory or elsewhere, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than \$1,000,000, and an additional appropriation of not more than \$50,000 annually for similar experiments, investigations, and tests of foreign woods and forest products important to the industries of the United States, including necessary field work in connection therewith.

Wood and wood products.

Amount for tests, etc., of physical and chemical properties, pulp and paper making, etc.

Additional for tests, etc., of foreign woods, etc.

Timber and other forest products.
Cooperation authorized with States for survey of present, and prospective requirements for, etc.

Amount annually authorized.
Proviso.
Total appropriation limited.
Post, p. 1205.

Reforestation.
Amount authorized for investigations of costs and returns, and possibility of profitable, timber growing, etc.
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SEC. 9. That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed, under such plans as he may determine to be fair and equitable, to cooperate with appropriate officials of each State of the United States, and either through them or directly with private and other agencies, in making a comprehensive survey of the present and prospective requirements for timber and other forest products in the United States, and of timber supplies, including a determination of the present and potential productivity of forest land therein, and of such other facts as may be necessary in the determination of ways and means to balance the timber budget of the United States. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than \$250,000: *Provided*, That the total appropriation of Federal funds under this section shall not exceed \$3,000,000.

SEC. 10. That for such investigations of costs and returns and the possibility of profitable reforestation under different conditions in the different forest regions, of the proper function of timber growing in diversified agriculture and in insuring the profitable use of marginal land, in mining, transportation, and in other industries, of the most effective distribution of forest products in the interest of both consumer and timber grower, and for such other economic investigations of forest lands and forest products as may be necessary, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than \$250,000.

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[H. 3793.]

[Public, No. 467.]

CHAP. 679.—An Act Authorizing the Saint Croix Interstate Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Saint Croix River near Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Saint Croix River.
Saint Croix Interstate Bridge Company may bridge, near Grantsburg, Wis.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Saint Croix Interstate Bridge Company, of Grantsburg, State of Wisconsin, its successors and assigns, is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Saint Croix River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the Grantsburg Road, near the village of Grantsburg, State of Wisconsin, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Construction.
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Right to acquire real estate, etc., for location, approaches, etc.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Saint Croix Interstate Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or appropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Condemnation proceedings.

Tolls authorized.

SEC. 3. The said Saint Croix Interstate Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the